

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2006                      9:30 a.m.                      Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**    **Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (17/19)**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** **Representatives LaJoy, Dillon. (2/19)**

Representative Moore made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2006, supported by Representative Clemente. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee:

HB 5689	Casperson	Income tax; home heating credit; household income qualifier; revise.
HB 5690	David Law	Income tax; home heating credit; household income qualifier; revise.
HB 5691	Farhat	Income tax; credit; credit for the cost of energy efficient appliances purchased by certain low income individuals; provide for.
HB 5837	Accavitti	Income tax; checkoff; home heating credit fund; provide for check-off option.
HB 5686	Nofs	Taxation; severance; oil and gas severance tax revenue; earmark a portion to the home heating credit fund.
HB 5687	Moore	Income tax; other; home heating credit fund; establish.
HB 5688	Baxter	Taxation; severance; oil and gas severance tax revenue; earmark a portion to the home heating credit fund.
HR 182	Schuitmaker	A resolution to memorialize the Congress and the President of the United States to increase funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Representative Casperson spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5689.

Representative David Law spoke to the committee regarding HB 5690.

Matt Allen, representing Representative Farhat, spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5691.

Representative Accavitti spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5837.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, spoke to the Committee regarding the bills and discussed some reservations.

Michael Peters, representing the Michigan Electric Co-op Association, submitted a card in support of the bills and HR 182.

Elaine Tycocki, representing SEMCO Energy, submitted a card indicating support for the bills and HR 182.

Chair Nofs stated that no action would be taken on HB 5692 at this meeting. (HB 5692 had been listed on the agenda as a topic to be considered at this meeting of the Committee.)

Representative Drolet made a motion to report HB 5689 with recommendation, supported by Representative Garfield.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (17/19)**

**Nays: None. (0/19)**

**Pass: None. (0/19) (17/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Nofs made a motion to report HB 5690 with recommendation, supported by Representative Stahl.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (17/19)**

**Nays: None. (0/19)**

**Pass: None. (0/19) (17/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Stahl made a motion to report HB 5691 with recommendation, supported by Representative Drolet.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (17/19)**

**Nays: None. (0/19)**

**Pass: None. (0/19) (17/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Accavitti made a motion to adopt HB 5837 (H-1), supported by Representative Mayes.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (17/19)**

**Nays: None. (0/19)**

**Pass: None. (0/19) (17/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Hopgood made a motion to report HB 5837 (H-1) with recommendation, supported by Representative Hunter.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (17/19)**

**Nays: None. (0/19)**

**Pass: None. (0/19) (17/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Proos made a motion to report HB 5686 with recommendation, supported by Representative Huizenga.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representative Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (16/19)**

**Nays: None. (0/19)**

**Pass: Representative Palsrok. (1/19) (16/0/1)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Moore made a motion to amend HB 5687 as follows, supported by Representative Baxter.

1. Amend page 1, line 7, after “all” by striking out “amounts” and inserting “of the following:

(a) Amounts”.

2. Amend page 1, following line 8, by inserting:

“(b) Amounts contributed pursuant to section 436 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.436.”.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (17/19)**

**Nays: None. (0/19)**

**Pass: None. (0/19) (17/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Moore made a motion to report HB 5687 (H-1) with recommendation, supported by Representative Drolet.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (17/19)**

**Nays: None. (0/19)**

**Pass: None. (0/19) (17/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Baxter made a motion to report HB 5688 with recommendation, supported by Representative Moore.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (17/19)**

**Nays: None. (0/19)**

**Pass: None. (0/19) (17/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Schuitmaker made a motion to report HR 182 with recommendation, supported by Representative Accavitti.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (16/19)**

**Nays: None. (0/19)**

**Pass: Representative Drolet. (1/19) (16/0/1)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Schuitmaker made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Clemente. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:22 a.m.

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Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

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